



## ***"ALL HANDS ON ROSEDALE"***



**When** the connection between government and community leadership is formed the results are sustainable communities where citizens are actively engaged and solutions are formed to address core issues. On Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, an example of how the Government of the District of Columbia continues to advance this idea was displayed in the Rosedale section of Ward 6, when a team of community members and government employees dedicated their time to cleaning the area surrounding the Rosedale Recreation Center.

The Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS) partnered with several community members, including Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner Gladys Mack and other D.C. agencies to coordinate the clean-up. Their efforts were part of the week long city wide initiative, All Hands on Deck (AHOD), spawned by the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD). Almost 50 community members participated in the effort, half of which were youth participants from Positive Choice's Inc.; a local non-profit organization that develops inner city youth.

The group assembled at 10am at the Rosedale Recreation Center and worked into the afternoon filling over 90 bags with trash and debris from the area. The Department of Public Work's (DPW) Helping Hands Program supplied cleaning tools for the team and removed the trash after the clean-up was completed. Additionally, several MPD officers worked alongside the team in an effort to strengthen their ties with the Rosedale community.

Neighbors were appreciative of the team's time and dedication to uplifting the community. Rosedale is one of the District's Focus Improvement Areas (FIA); an area where multiple D.C. agencies have formed a network to address persistent crime. This clean-up was a significant step in achieving the mission of improving safety in the area. "Our goal was to provide leadership to residents in hopes that they will continue this on their own" stated Forest Hayes MOCRS Outreach and Services Specialists. "A strong message was sent that citizens are ready to be part of the change process."

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Photos from the Rosedale Clean-Up:

